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1. The Tsinan Electric Power Company is owned and operated by the Shantung provincial government. Its chief engineer is a well-qualified German-trained man who has had several years' experience in Europe.
2. The present output of the company is 4,000 to 4,200 kilowatts per day. The current is normally 220 volts, but at peak consumption it runs at 190 volts or a little less.
3. Most of the equipment is old but the company engineers are doing a good job, as there have been only a few interruptions of current in the past two months. Actual loss at transformers from worn-out equipment is at least 200 percent. [166 2/3 % loss?]
4. Approximately 30% of the output is paid for by civilian consumers, and 30% is used by non-paying customers such as the Chinese Army and Government agencies which refuse to pay their bills on the excuse of the national emergency. Many small shops such as tailor and food shops steal 10% of the output by by-passing the meters. [30% not accounted for]
5. The current is cut off each day for five or six hours to conserve coal stocks and to extend the life of the equipment. The present coal stocks are enough for three months' operation at the present level.

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